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To: Commissioner's Court

From: Michael R. Smith, Fire Marshal

Date: April 16, 2012

Re: CoServ Charitable Foundation Grant

Honorable Court,

This request is to obtain Commissioners support for the Collin County Fire Marshal's office application for the CoServ Charitable Grant Foundation. Collin County is responsible for hazardous material events in the unincorporated sections of Collin County. Currently there are municipal fire department hazardous materials response capability for the southern portion of the County, with Frisco Fire Department, Plano Fire Department and Wylie Fire Department. Until recently there has been no protection in place for the entire northern quadrant of the County.

We have relocated the hazardous materials response trailer and associated equipment, which has been sitting at the service center parking lot for the past six years, to Melissa Fire Department. If we are fortunate to obtain the CoServ Charitable Foundation Grant we will add equipment and supplies to increase the capabilities for response to hazardous material events in which all the volunteer fire departments in the northern half of Collin County will have access to and be able to utilize this resource.

We are in the scheduling phase to train approximately seventy firefighters to the hazardous materials awareness level. The second and third phase of training we are sending thirty-five firefighters to operations and technician level training at no charge. This is being made available by TEEX to train firefighters for this team of hazardous materials responders.